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Republican Nominated Ticket.

National Ticket.
For President,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
For Vice-President,
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

State Ticket.
For Governor,
CYRUS P. WALBRIDGE.
For Lieutenant Governor,
JOHN C. MCKINLEY.
Secretary of State,
JOHN E. SWANWELL.

Treasurer,
J. E. GUELICH.
Auditor,
H. W. WIGHER.
Attorney General,
HERBERT H. BARKLEY.
Ballot and Stenographer Commission,
FRANK SCHULTZMAN.

For Commissioner South District,
J. B. GARDNER.

County Ticket.
Representative,
JOHN V. NIEBEL.

Prosecuting Attorney,
A. W. LAFFERTY.

Sheriff,
JOHN J. SLAUGHT.

Collector,
ADOLPH HEVING.

Assessor,
E. W. DINTER.

Treasurer,
EDWARD H. BEAM.

Surveyor,
CLAY PARKER.

Clerk,
DR. C. F. ELKINS.

Public Administrator,
J. J. GORLICK.

Judge County Court, First District,
R. A. PEW.

Judge County Court, Second District,
H. C. BAUL.

The platform of the Missouri democracy advocates almost every state policy the democracy of Missouri has opposed for the past 30 years, and at same time the platform points with pride to the democratic record of the past 30 years.

Folk fixes September 1 as the probable date on which he will have something to say on the democratic state ticket as a whole. Since silence is so popular in the party, many democrats will play the lone fisherman on November 8.

Sam Cook is receiving more attention from the democratic country press than Mr. Folk. There is some more amendment due this year—which goes a long way toward explaining the seeming partiality, to those who know.

A democratic newspaper in this county last week said: "The nomination of Joseph W. Folk for governor seems to have met with the general approbation of the people of Montgomery county regardless of party affiliations."—Yes, the republicans can now help defeat Folk with as much satisfaction as any one else, since he has gone in cahoot with Cook, Allen and others of the old corrupt gang.

Thomas K. Niedringhaus of St. Louis for chairman and John H. Bothwell of Sedalia for vice chairman, were the choice by the republican state committee at its meeting in St. Louis Saturday. These are strong selections, and the party is to be congratulated on putting such able representatives at the front. In point of character and ability they are in keeping with the ticket headed by Walbridge and McKinley.

Kansas City Star: One of the most affecting incidents to occur in this country for years will be the opening of the democratic "barrel" by chairman Taggart. It had been a long time since the party had a "barrel." Hearts have grown sick in hope deferred, and it has been possible to spot a democratic national politician at a distance by his lean and hungry look.

What chance have we for a general clean-up at Jefferson City with Sam Cook, Albert Allen and others of the same ilk in control of affairs? No matter how honest Joseph W. Folk may be he will be powerless if elected. This is no time for foolish sentiment, but a time for sober, earnest thought. Elect a straight republican ticket in Missouri and the boodlers at Jefferson City will have to hunt other jobs.—Clinton Republican.

In response to those who are talking of Cyrus P. Walbridge being "run" by a Butler gang or controlled in the interest of any such influences the St. Louis Star says that they either do not know Walbridge or do not care about the truth of their assertions. Walbridge has done too much honest service for good government without reward or hope of reward, to become at this late day in his efficient career an enemy to all his friends and a friend to all his enemies. If any ring tries to control him it will have to do so while he is asleep, and Cyrus P. is one of the earliest risers in this wideawake community at that.

Smash The Gerrymander.

The fact should not be forgotten by Missouri republicans, says the Kansas City Journal, that a fair representation in congress is one of the things for which they are fighting in this campaign. There were 683,656 votes cast in Missouri in 1900. The total democratic vote for president was 351,922. The total republican vote for president was 311,992. The democratic vote was 51.48 per cent of the total. The republican vote was 46.09 of the total. Missouri has sixteen representatives in congress. A fair apportionment would give the republicans seven of these representatives and the democrats nine. But such partisan ingenuity did the democrats in the last legislature show in redistricting the state that at the election in 1902 the first after the state was redistricted—the republicans elected but one representative while the democrats elected fifteen. The republicans poll 46.09 of the votes and get 6.25 per cent of the representatives. The democrats poll 51.48 of the votes and get 93.75 per cent of the representatives. There is one representative in congress for the 315,000 republicans of the state. There is fifteen representatives in congress for the 352,000 democrats, or one for every 23,000. The vote of one Missouri democrat lacks but little of being as effective in the choice of members of the lower house of congress as those of fourteen republicans. Furthermore, the democrats have both the senators from Missouri. No other state in the Union is more infamously gerrymandered than Missouri. To get the state fairly redistricted republicans must elect a majority of the legislature. They must also elect the governor. Mr. Folk has never raised his voice against the gerrymander. He is an ardent democrat, and his party would expect him to veto a redistricting bill giving the republicans a fair deal if one should be passed. It is certain, on the other hand, that Mr. Walbridge would sign such a bill. This is one of the many strong reasons why Mr. Walbridge should receive the votes of every republican and many fair-minded democrats.

Verily we shall expect to see the lion and the lamb bunking together when Bryan goes on the stump for Judge Parker, and Harry Hawes commences saying nice things of Joe Folk. And yet both events are by the democratic managers.

Mark The Difference.

Democratic spellbinders, newspapers and press bureaus in the more southern states, have centered upon the negro question as the leading campaign issue, judging from prevailing signs. It will undoubtedly prove a very flimsy article with which to try to interest the voters of the country. A great hallabaloo will be made over the Booker T. Washington incident, another over the Cram appointment no doubt, and every privilege or recognition given the black man by the Republican party will be used as campaign material by the Democrats. They have resorted to this "issue" not only from lack of a better battle cry, but they see it is necessary to appeal to Southern prejudice to hold the solid South. On the contrary and with more reason, The Boston (Mass.) Pilot, which is the oldest and most influential organ of the Catholic and Irish-American public opinion in the United States, and which has never wavered in its fealty to the Democratic party, last Saturday announced its intention to support Roosevelt for president. The reason for this change, according to the editor, is that "no man can point to a single act of President Roosevelt's public or private, influenced by prejudice of race or color, except prejudice in favor of the poor." Therefore, while the democracy of New England are lauding Roosevelt because of his defense of the poor and defenseless, in the more southern states, which boast of their great hospitality, they are denouncing him for the very same acts.

Senator John C. McKinley of Unionville, the republican nominee for lieutenant governor, is a native of Missouri. He is a married man and has two daughters. Senator McKinley has served the first half of the term to which he was elected, and had no opposition at the polls. In 1891 he was before the congressional convention for nomination and was defeated by half a vote by Maj. A. H. Clark of Hannibal. He has twice served as prosecuting attorney of Putnam county. He is in moderate circumstances, but such means as he has accumulated had a foundation in manual labor, he having chopped wood and saved his earnings. Later he taught school. He is a graduate of the law department of the state university. His record in the state senate is without a blemish.

Ex-Senator Geo. G. Vest of this state, died Tuesday morning at Sweet Springs, Mo., after an illness of several months. Senator Vest was born in Frankfort, Ky., Dec'r 6, 1830, and came to Missouri in 1851. He was a member of congress in 1890-91, and two years congressman and one as senator of the confederate states. He was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1879, and served till March 1 1903, when ill health compelled his retirement. He was buried at St. Louis yesterday. Vest was a great talker, but as a legislator was of very little account.

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